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36. (New) The catheter of claim 35 wherein the lumen has a diameter which decreases from the proximal end to the distal end.

37. (New) The catheter of claim 35 further comprising a dilator with an outside diameter smaller than the inside diameter of the lumen such that the dilator can be slidably positioned into the lumen to longitudinally support the lumen during insertion.